

Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
May 4, 2001

The Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, May 4, 2001, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Mary Beth Bonaventura; Mary R. Harper; Lynn Murray; Daniel L. Pflum; Julian L. Ridlen; Magistrate R. Paulette Stagg; Frank Sullivan; Viola J. Taliaferro; and Stephen M. Sims, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Lt. Col. Jeff Wilkenson, Superintendent, Dr. Mark Dobbs, and Mr. Paul Wilkenson, Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home; Senator Luke Kenley; Mr. James Hmurovich, Eric Vermeulen, and Chereese Webb, FSSA.
4. Minutes. The minutes for the meeting of the committee on March 2, 2001 were approved.
5. Presentation by Jeff Wilkenson. Lt. Col. Jeff Wilkenson, Superintendent, Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home made a presentation and distributed materials about his facility to members of the committee. Children of veterans and their families are treated for free, others are treated based on their ability to pay, and graduates of their high school are not charged tuition at Indiana colleges. Dr. Mark Dobbs discussed the characteristics of the children the facility will treat. He stated they wanted younger, CHINS children with an average stay of 1 ½ to 3 years. Senator Luke Kenley asked judges to consider the use of this facility for the appropriate children. The committee members asked Mr. Bercovitz to distributed materials from this facility at the juvenile judges' conference in June.
6. FSSA.
 - a. Mr. Hmurovich distributed a notebook containing information concerning the payment of Title IV-E monies for delinquents and CHINS and reviewed it with members of the committee. He also included a list of all IV-E eligible and noneligible facilities.
 - b. The committee members requested Mr. Hmurovich to provide the committee the following:
 - (1) A list of IV-E eligible facilities;
 - (2) A list of non IV-E eligible facilities the Family and Children's fund will pay for; and
 - (3) A list of non IV-E eligible facilities the Family and Children's fund will not pay for.The committee also requested guidance on what "treatment services" for juveniles will be paid with monies from the Family and Children's fund. Mr. Hmurovich agreed to bring this information to the next meeting of the committee on June 1, 2001.
7. Next meeting dates. The committee agreed to meet again on the following dates: Friday, June 1, 2001, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2001 from 10:00

a.m. - 12:00 noon in conjunction with the judicial conference; Friday, November 2, 2001; January 4, 2002; February 1, 2002; March 1, 2002; and May 3, 2002 from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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